



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 7, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Life is complicated at times, so much so that we can get discouraged. We learn to exchange big dreams for smaller ones, reduce expectations of ourselves and even of God. And yet, the slow march of human history bears witness that progress is a reality. The fingerprints of God can be seen in the days that have gone before us, so, while we never escape the reality of our own sin, we still greet each day with hope.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

My Heart Is Filled With Longing
arr. Johannes Brahms; Wayne Bates, trumpet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit (11 a.m.)

Give Me Jesus
music: A. Boatner; Rachel Priest, soprano

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

In my youth,

with energy I will praise my maker.

When labor fills my days,

my strength and creativity will bear witness to God's grace.

When the day is done,

I will, with gratitude, bow before my redeemer.

And when morning gilds the skies,

my heart awakening cries: May Jesus Christ be praised.

*Hymn, No. 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies
LAUDES DOMINI

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace,

**We have endeavored to live in a virtuous manner this week
and to turn from sin.**

In some ways we have done just that.

But our virtue, no doubt, appears more righteous to us than to others.

Standing in Your presence,

we are slow to confess our sin,

but, even more, we are embarrassed to speak to You of our virtue.

This alone is reason to ask for Your forgiveness. (Silent prayer)

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have
mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy. _____

*Assurance of God's Grace

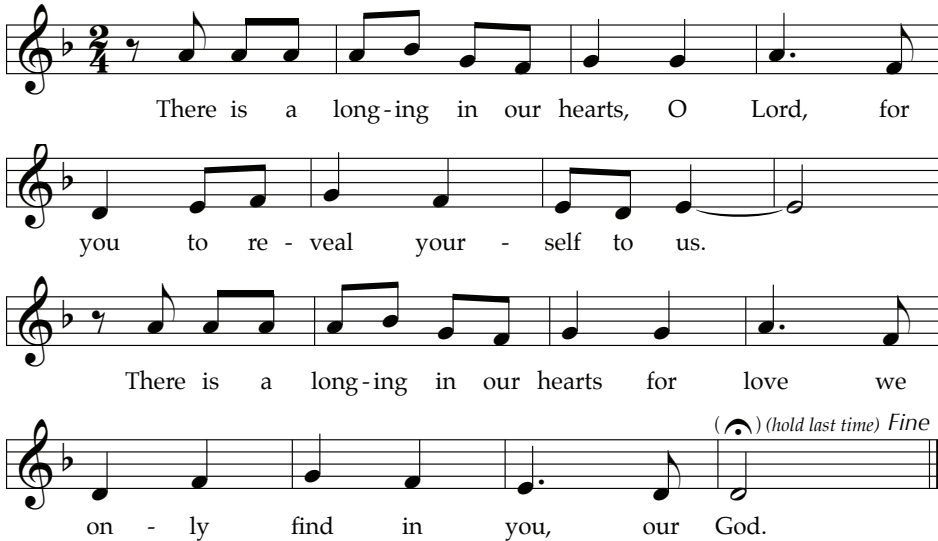
*Response

Glo-ry to our cre - a - tor, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly
Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin-ning,
is now, and will be for e - ver.
A - men, A - men. A - men.

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (Congregation sings refrain when invited)



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for
you to re - veal your - self to us.
There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we
on - ly find in you, our God. (hold last time) Fine

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Anthem

Come, Peace of God

music: Eugene Butler; Village Choir

Come, peace of God, and dwell again on earth, Come with the calm that hailed thy Prince's birth,
Come with the healing of thy gentle touch, Come, peace of God, that this world needs so much.

Break ev'ry weapon forged in fires of hate, Turn back the foe that would assail thy gate;
Where fields of strife lie desolate and bard, Take thy sweet flow'rs of peace and plant them there.

Bring selfish lives from shadowlands of loss into the radiance of the Savior's cross,
Where in that gift so precious, yet so lone, Life finds its fellowship and love its throne.

Come, blessed peace as when in hush of eve God's benediction falls on souls who grieve;
As shines a star when weary day departs, Come, peace of God, and rule within our hearts.

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Pam Logan (8 a.m.)
Elder Bob Fletcher (9:30 a.m.)
Elder Chas Vincent (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-14 (pg. 934)

Sermon

Character Requires Hope

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No.819

Be Still, My Soul
FINLANDIA

Offertory

A Trumpeter's Lullaby (8, 11 a.m.)
by Leroy Anderson; Wayne Bates, trumpet

Stars I Shall Find (9:30 a.m.)
by Victor C. Johnson; Village Voices

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No.432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
REPTON

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Come, Blessed Peace
by Eugene Butler

*Postlude

Tuba Tune
by C.S. Lang

*All who are able may stand

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Discover Village Information Center

A place for you to connect and ask questions. You're invited to stop by our Discover Village desk, between worship services, at the north Welcome Center entrance. Hosts will be available at the desk every Sunday morning; a place where you can share conversation and enjoy a cookie. We look forward to meeting you!



THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of April 8, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Hallie Hottle and are offered for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, think about the reflection and questions and allow these to lead you in a time of prayer. Pray for your own journey of faith, pray for Village Church, pray for the community around you, and pray for all of creation.

Monday, April 8

Psalm 121

This is a fitting meditation for a Monday morning, or any time we might find ourselves wondering "where will my help come from?" If that's you today, read this. If it's not, read this anyway. Commit it to your heart, that it becomes one of your prayers for encouragement.

Tuesday, April 9

John 6:16-27

Today's story is easily missed. Jesus has just fed the 5,000, and we tend to skip over this part that happens next. Jesus is on the move, and no one can figure out how he got across the sea. Read this story today, and let yourself wonder with the crowd. How often do you wonder about the logistics, and miss the opportunity to marvel at the mystery?

Wednesday, April 10

Jeremiah 18:1-11

This snippet of a story is one of the many images gifted to us by our prophet Jeremiah. God is like a potter, shaping and reshaping the clay. If you've ever worked with a potter's wheel, you know it's a messy process. Read these words today, and pray over the parts of your life feeling messy. Allow yourself to wonder, how might God be reshaping these messes?

Thursday, April 11

Romans 8:18-24

This piece of Paul's writing contains one of my favorite lines of scripture, "For all creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God." It conjures in me images of our church children, standing on tiptoes to watch our baptisms, aware they're seeing something glorious, yet unsure entirely what that is. Read and pray here. What eagerness and longing is your soul experiencing in this season? What might God be revealing in response?

Friday, April 12

Psalm 148

End your week with this song of praise. Maybe rewrite your own version as prayer. How can you see everything around you as an offering of praise to God?

Saturday, April 13

Psalm 31

This psalm is a little long and rambling, a familiar song for those who have prayed in times of restlessness. Read through it today, and see where your own heart finds interest. Let yourself rest in the words of restlessness this weekend.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE DAILY BIBLE READINGS EMAILS

**Subscribe now at www.villagepres.org/subscribe. Emails arrive first thing in the morning
Monday through Saturday.**

IN PARADISUM

Fauré Requiem and Poulenc Organ Concerto

3 p.m. Sunday, April 7

Today!

Village Church on Mission

Featuring the Village Chamber Choir and Orchestra and
organist Dr. Elisa Bickers

Free admission



5:30-7 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019 Village Church on Mission Rd.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Sarah Susan Hitchcock by Chuck and Jenny Hitchcock.

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, providing leadership for the transformation of our communities and serving the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people. Village is one church worshipping at two campuses: Village on Mission (6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village) and Village on Antioch (14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park). If you would like a tour of Village on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331.

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH – Village welcomes new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. Join us April 7, June 2, Aug. 4, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for info.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

To register for Village U classes, visit villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes:

COMPROMISING POSITIONS: POLITICAL SEX SCANDALS AND AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY – Dr. Leslie Durrugh Smith will teach and lead conversation around the publication of her new book, “Compromising Positions.” In it she argues that sex scandals aren’t really about sex. Rather, they are a form of public storytelling, the purpose of which is to use specific racial and gendered symbols to endorse certain political ideals. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 10, 24 and May 1. Room 132.

CHRISTIANS AND RACE IN THE 21st CENTURY – These three classes will explore the complexity of race in the U.S. through the Christian perspective. What does the Bible say about race? Who are we as God’s people of different races? How are we called to abide with one another? How do we work together to dismantle racism today? Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22. Rooms 132 and 133.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

ALL SERVICES—CHILD CARE – Infants to 4-year-olds are welcome in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:25-10:30 a.m. – **2 to 4-year-olds/Pre-K**—Preschool Sunday School meets on the first floor. Registration and age specific room assignments are posted outside Room 107. **K-6th grade**—Kids’ Kingdom Sunday school meets on the third floor. Registration and grade specific room assignments are posted outside Room 307. Room information is also posted outside Room 207.

MORNING STARS – 3-year-olds through 6th graders are welcome to join and sing. We meet from 10:30-11 a.m. Angel Choir (3 to 4-year-olds) meet in Room 203; Prelude Choir (K-2nd grade) meet in Room 201; Hallelujah Choir (3rd-6th grade) meet in Room 204. Pick up for all children is on the 2nd floor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR THE FALL – Will you consider joining our team of amazing volunteers who teach Sunday school? Whether you are young or old, married or single, new to Village or you’ve been here for many years, we are confident we have a spot that is uniquely perfect for YOU. Contact Brooke Latas at brooke.latas@villagepres.org or 913-671-2355.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The next baptism dates are May 12 and July 21. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome and commemorate the new family member’s arrival. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for April 10 is baked potato bar and deli sandwiches. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open 5:30-6:30 p.m. Full meal with salad bar and dessert is \$7. Salad bar and dessert is \$6. Children ages 4-10 are \$3 and children age 3 and under are no charge. Call Liz Middleton 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org to make your reservations by noon tomorrow.

VILLAGE GOLF OUTINGS RESUME – Do you like a casual golf outing? Then, these outings are for you! The monthly outings are a four-person scramble format and continue through October. All are invited. You do not need to be a member of Village Church. The next outing is at Deer Creek on Tuesday, April 23. Tee Time is 8 a.m. RSVP by April 15 to Brad Steil at 913-469 5683 or bradsteil@everestkc.net.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

LENTEN PLEDGE – Take the Village Church Lenten Pledge. What we choose to eat and how we treat our food are some of the most significant ways we can be good stewards of God's creation. During Lent, you are invited to pledge to eat less meat, to fast, and to reduce the amount of food wasted. Pledge cards from the Environmental Action committee are available throughout the church. For more information, see villagepres.org/environmental-action.

ELECTRIC CAR EXPO – Local electric car enthusiasts will display their all-electric and plug-in hybrid/electric vehicles, answer questions, and get you revved up to consider if an electric car would fit into your lifestyle. The expo is free. Bring friends. Questions? Contact Al Pugsley at apphs58@yahoo.com. 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 27, in the south parking lot of Village Church on Mission.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – A new spring is here, and the clothes that fit last year don't fit this year. Please donate those gently used and cleaned clothing in all sizes to the clients of the Clothes Closet. They love to do their spring shopping right here. The Food Pantry is asking for canned tuna and canned chicken during April - so easy with which to make lunch sandwiches or dinner casseroles.

ONE GREAT HOUR OFFERING (April 14, Palm Sunday): Gifts collected from this offering are distributed among the following: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%) to rebuild communities after natural and human-caused disasters, Self-Development of People (32%) to provide resources to disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%) to support initiatives that create sustainable food systems. Envelopes for this offering reside in the pew slot in front of you.

BLOOD DRIVE – 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in Rooms 132 & 133. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon today and April 14. Contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com for more info.

SPRING SESSION, OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH READING PROGRAM – Partner with a pre-K reading buddy, 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays, now through April 24. Contact Cindy Whitham at ciwhitham@aol.com or 913-262-3062 for info. Call Pam Southerland at 913-671-2352 or email pam.southerland@villagepres.org to make a reservation for child care by the Wednesday prior to the day you plan to volunteer.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) is responding to floods along the Missouri River Basin, including Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas. PDA have deployed National Response Teams to the presbyteries that have invited them in, and are processing grant requests as we receive them. If you would like to support the relief efforts you can donate to the PDA at <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000191/> or to give by phone, call 800-872-3283. To send a check, designate where you want your gift on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Note DR000191 on your check.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL – 12:15-12:45 p.m. this Thursday, April 11. Dr. Roseann Penner Kaufman will play the Village Church on Mission pipe organ. Dr. Kaufman is minister of music and worship for Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Admission is free.

UMKC CONSERVATORY FACULTY CONCERT – 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, in the Village on Mission Chapel. UMKC Conservatory faculty pianist Thomas Rosenkranz and violinist Joseph Genualdi join Gail Williams, internationally-known horn player. They will perform Beethoven's "Sonata for Violin and Piano in G Major," Lutoslawski's "Partita for Violin and Piano" and Brahms' "Trio in E flat major for Piano, Violin and Horn." Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

TAIZÉ IS TUESDAY – Prepare for Holy Week's arrival by attending the candlelit Taizé worship service at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, in the Village on Mission Chapel. Taizé includes prayer, scripture, songs and reflective silence. Communion will be served.

IT'S EASIER THAN EVER TO DELIVER AN EASTER LILY – Come to the Welcome Center after any Easter Sunday worship service and take a lily or two to deliver to those who cannot be here for worship. Choose a zip code area that works best for you, pick up a lily and receive easy instructions. Want to help but wish you could come Saturday? No problem. Early pick up is in the Welcome Center from 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, April 20. Help us get 250 lilies to their new forever home.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF STARTS MAY 8 – If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, join us for "Growing Through Grief." This five-week session is from 5:30-6:45 p.m. every Wednesday, May 8-June 5, in Room 124. There is no cost, but registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN OF WISDOM LUNCH AT THELMA'S KITCHEN – Come with Women of Wisdom (WOW) in the Village van for lunch at Thelma's Kitchen (3101 Troost) on Tuesday, April 30. Thelma's Kitchen is Village's Signature Mission. Soup, salad, an entrée, dessert and drink-delicious food and warm hospitality, sharing a meal as a community with neighbors from both sides of Troost. The van departs from VOM's south entrance at 11:30 a.m., returning by 2:30 p.m. RSVP by April 29 to Marvie Sneegas at sneegi@kc.rr.com or 913-209-9608.

AMAZING GRACES – Join the Amazing Graces for a May Day Bouquet Event. We will meet in the Franklin Park Pavilion and Gregory's Floral Design will assist us in making our own bouquet. Refreshments following at Kay Findlay's home. There will be a signup table in Friendship Hall between services throughout April. Cost is \$10 and limited to 40 people. 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 1. Contact Martha Tatman at 913-221-5280 for more info.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20's and 30's.

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Village Presbyterian Church (3rd Floor, Youth Loft). This Lenten season we're experimenting with tuning into our spiritual selves. As presbyterians in this time and place, we have a very "flat" way of understanding prayer. More info: VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

COUPLES WITH KIDS BIBLE STUDY – 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, Heritage Dining Room. Come for family dinner at 5:30 p.m. and stay for Bible Study while your kiddos go downstairs for lessons of their own. All 20's and 30's with children welcome! RSVP at VillagePresYA.org/couples.

LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY @BLADE AND TIMBERY – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Come throw some axes as we explore our West Bottoms neighborhood! We'll meet at Blip Roasters for coffee at 10 a.m. Child care available with reservation. RSVP at VillagePresYA.org/saturdays.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR ANY OF OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES! All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

ALPHA & OMEGA (middle and high school Sunday mornings) – 9:30 a.m. today, Youth Loft (Room 333).

SNL (high school youth group) – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

LOFTERNOONS (middle school after school program) – 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Youth Loft (Room 333).

GPS (middle school youth group) – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – 7:30-8:15 a.m. Thursdays, at Zach's house (5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village) And yes, we give you a ride to school afterward if you need it.

VILLAGE RUN CLUB (exercise for high schoolers, all ability levels) – 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays. Meet in Youth Loft (Room 333).

SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION OPEN – You can now register for all of our summer trips: San Francisco, a local KC trip, HS Montreat and the MS Float Trip. Just head to villagepresyouth.org/forms or pick up a hard copy by the youth offices or in the Youth Loft.

Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, April 18 – 6 p.m. The Gathering in Friendship Hall. 7 p.m. traditional service in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 19 – 7 p.m. at Village on Mission & Village on Antioch

Easter Sunday, April 21 – Traditional worship services at 8, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. There will be an additional 9:30 a.m. service led by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka in Friendship Hall. The Gathering Worship is at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Village on Antioch traditional worship is at 9:30 a.m., followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Village Church on Mission will provide free shuttle bus service from 8:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Easter morning. Buses will pick up at the Blue Moose parking lot at the Shops of Prairie Village and drop off at the west entrance of the church.

Tribute Gifts

When you are pondering that special gift to give to someone for their anniversary, Mother's Day or other special occasion, consider a Tribute Gift to Village Church.

Through Tribute Gifts, our Endowment Trust gives you an opportunity to honor a friend or loved one by offering you a special way to give a gift. Your Tribute Gift will have a significant impact as you honor or memorialize the individual in addition to investing in the legacy of Village Presbyterian Church.



Village Presbyterian Church
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It is easy to give a Tribute Gift. Go to www.villagepres.org, click on Endowment Trust and then Tribute Gifts. Complete the form and click submit. You will then be given the opportunity to pay online or you may send your check to the church. After we receive your donation, we will send a card directly to the person you are honoring.

Contact Molly Sirridge at 913-671-2325 or molly.sirridge@villagepres.org for more information.

Easter Lily Memorial

You may purchase a potted lily in memory of a loved one by sending a check for \$10 payable to Village Church and including the memorial name. Send your check to the church ATTN: Janice Gill. The deadline to receive checks is this Friday, April 12. The list of memorials/donors will be listed in the May 1 "Good News."

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Character is Always Chosen

March 17-April 21

In these weeks that lead us, once again, to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we will reflect on who we are called to be as we take our own journey toward the fullness of resurrection. "Who we are called to be" is the point of this sermon series. In his book, "The Road to Character," David Brooks says, "Most of us have clearer strategies for how to achieve career success than we do for how to develop a profound character." There is wisdom in Brook's remarks, as character is not something that just happens; character is always chosen. Physical growth happens naturally. Spiritual growth requires discipline, intention and choice. We will reflect on some of the strategies for choosing character in this sermon series.

March 17	Character: The Most Important Thing
March 24	Choices...not Evolution
March 31	Character Requires Courage
April 7	Character Requires Hope
April 14	Palm Sunday: Humility May be Out of Style, but Not for Us
April 21	Easter: The Possibility of Getting it Right

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry

Brooke Latas, director of children and family ministry ❖ Marjean Lindquist, director of child care

Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration ❖ Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor

Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music ❖ Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries ❖ Deborah White, director of mission

Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries ❖ Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at villagepres.org.

Click the home page link "Live Sermon and Sermon Archives."

The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

Please note that additional parking is available across Mission Road in the Prairie School parking lots.

If you are not taking your bulletin with you, please hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.